

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:161

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SALE OF CIGARETTES WITHOUT STATUTORY WARNING

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ban the sale of cigarettes through duty free shops without mandatory statutory warning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes, The Government of India has notified 'the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labeling) Rules, 2008' vide GSR No. 182 dated 15th March 2008. These rules come into force from 31st May 2009. As per these Rules every package of cigarette or any other tobacco product sold in the country including through duty free shops shall have the specified health warning, as specified. The components of specified health warning include. Health Warnings (smoking Kills or tobacco Kills); pictorial representations of ill effect of tobacco use and a health message.